

Nothing but the Truth

By Avi

Alternative-Ending Writing Assessment

20 Points

Due: _____

The novel *Nothing but the Truth* gives the reader various points of view. You are to pick a point of view and write an extension of the novel in a creative multi-genre format emulating what the author Avi did. Some of the multi-genre techniques that were used were conversations, memos, letters, diary entries, phone conversations, telegrams, and transcripts from talk shows. You do not have to limit yourself to these. You could be creative and use a newspaper column, email, text messages, an interview, a poem, a two-voice poem... the sky's the limit! As long as it is writing and it conveys what is happening and includes a point of view.

There were several points of view in this novel. You can be Phillip Malloy, Mrs. Narwin, another teacher, a student, a reporter, the principal, a parent, a board member, a doctor, a community member... the choices are endless! ☺ You decide, but make sure you identify who the dialogue is between when doing the writing, just as Avi did in the book.

Your assignment should be at least two pages, typed (. If you choose shorter pieces, such as memos, then your paper will need to include enough memos to fill up the space. Don't skimp on material! The idea here is to write more to the story. Give a satisfying feeling to the end of the story at least to one or two characters' points of view. Be creative. Have fun with this assignment.

